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The Story So Far...

In the land of Ttereve, magical ability is a death sentence.

The paths of the rebel contingent finally converge, and emotions run high as former enemies face off. Even the power of the last of the Guardians may not hold this company together.

Through her control over Thorne, Drucilla is able to connect with Rose, while her companions fight what seems a losing battle against the Fallen.

The clash between darkness and light commences, but will Rose's rejection of Drucilla's power be enough to turn the tide? Or is worse still to come, as Dolora's demon overpowers Rose and carries her away to face unspeakable horrors?

Will the race to save their heroine be enough to overcome decades of enmity and distrust?

Find out, in the next exciting chapter of ROSE.

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ROSE, WHAT ARE YOU...?!
GET BEHIND ME!
HRRGGUHHH!
SNRROAWWW!
ANYONE ELSE UP FOR A LIL' GAME OF KILL-THE-KITTY?
IT IS ABOUT TIME YOU BOYS SHOWED UP.
GOOD TO SEE YOU TOO, ILA.
RRRRRRRR

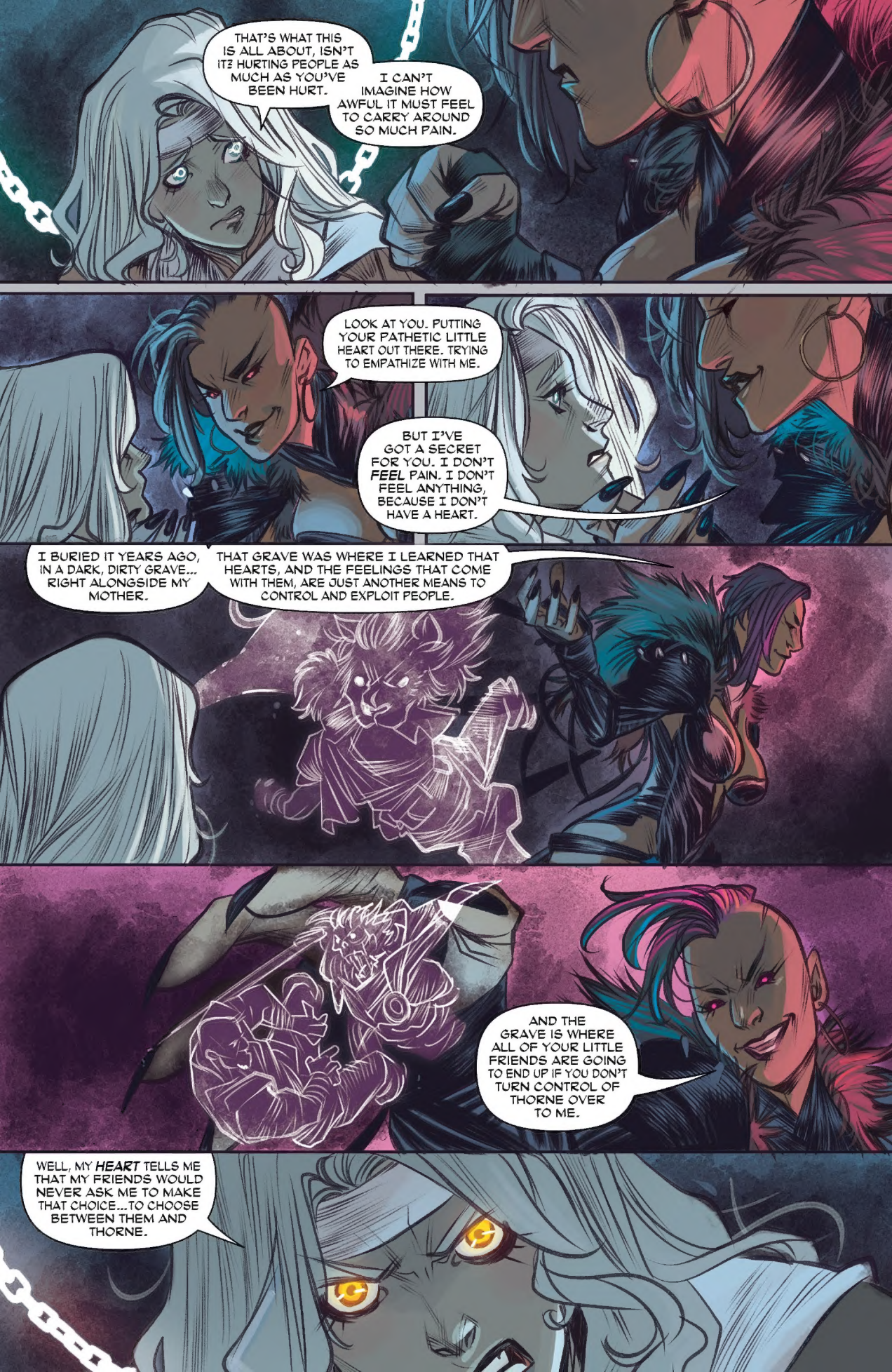
GUARDIAN!
YOU SAVED THE KNIGHT FROM THE BRINK OF DEATH ONCE, BUT YOU KNOW YOU ARE NOT YET POWERFUL ENOUGH TO SAVE THEM ALL.
YOU MUST MAKE A CHOICE...COME WITH US OR WATCH, HELPLESS, AS YOUR COMPANIONS DIE ONE BY ONE!
I...I...
ROSE! DO NOT LET THEM USE YOUR FEARS AGAINST YOU.
COME WITH US, GUARDIAN. TO SAVE YOUR FRIENDS, YOU NEED ONLY JOIN THORNE.
THORNE...
IGNORE THEM, ROSE! DO NOT ALLOW THEIR LIES TO TAKE ROOT IN YOUR HEART!
...WHY CAN'T I FEEL HIM ANYMORE?

HEAR US, ROSE.
YOU ARE A GUARDIAN. YOU ARE ONE OF US. ONLY WE CAN HELP YOU BE WHAT YOU WERE MEANT TO BE.
GUARDIANS BELONG TOGETHER. WE CAN GIVE YOU WHAT YOU NEED.
...WE BELONG TOGETHER.
ROSE! NO!
...WE BELONG TOGETHER...
LIKE HELL YOU DO!

THE GIRL GOES WITH YOU OVER MY DEAD BODY.
THAT WAS ALWAYS THE PLAN, TRAITOR!
ANY TIPS ON HOW TA KILL SOMETHIN' THAT'S ALREADY DEAD...OR WHATEVER IT IS THESE THINGS ARE?
THUNK
RRAWOWWW!
N...N... NICE KITTY!
RRRRRRRRR
JUST KEEP SWINGING!
BUT MY FRIENDS... THERE'S TOO MANY, I CAN'T...

IT'S TIME FOR MY SISTER'S CORRUPTION... YOUR CORRUPTION TO END!
FORGET ABOUT THE FALLEN, FELIX! PROTECT ROSE!
FROM WHERE I STAND...>URGHH<... SHE'S ABOUT THE ONLY ONE WHO DOESN'T NEED PROTECTING RIGHT NOW.
AEEIIIHHH!
RRRROOOSSEEE.
THAT'S A GOOD GIRL... THE TIME FOR FIGHTING IS OVER...THORNE IS WAITING FOR YOU... I AM WAITING FOR YOU.

DRUCILLA.
SO, YOU'RE ROSE. I HAVE TO CONFESS...I'M A BIT DISAPPOINTED. I EXPECTED...I DON'T KNOW...MORE.
A KHAT AS POWERFUL AS THORNE DESERVES TO BE PAIRED WITH SOMEONE EQUALLY POWERFUL.
YOU'RE SO WEAK...POSITIVELY PUNY, REALLY. WHAT IS IT ABOUT YOU? WHY WERE YOU CHOSEN? WHY ARE YOU GUARDIAN TO THE LAST OF TTEREVE'S KHATZ WHEN I CAN SLIP IN AND OUT OF YOUR MIND SO EASILY?
PLEASE... JUST...LET THORNE GO.
OH NO, NO, NO, NO, NO. YOU CAN'T START BEGGING YET...
I HAVEN'T EVEN BEGUN TO HURT YOU.


THAT'S WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT, ISN'T IT? HURTING PEOPLE AS MUCH AS YOU'VE BEEN HURT.
I CAN'T IMAGINE HOW AWFUL IT MUST FEEL TO CARRY AROUND SO MUCH PAIN.
LOOK AT YOU. PUTTING YOUR PATHETIC LITTLE HEART OUT THERE. TRYING TO EMPATHIZE WITH ME.
BUT I'VE GOT A SECRET FOR YOU. I DON'T FEEL PAIN. I DON'T FEEL ANYTHING, BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE A HEART.
I BURIED IT YEARS AGO, IN A DARK, DIRTY GRAVE... RIGHT ALONGSIDE MY MOTHER.
THAT GRAVE WAS WHERE I LEARNED THAT HEARTS, AND THE FEELINGS THAT COME WITH THEM, ARE JUST ANOTHER MEANS TO CONTROL AND EXPLOIT PEOPLE.
AND THE GRAVE IS WHERE ALL OF YOUR LITTLE FRIENDS ARE GOING TO END UP IF YOU DON'T TURN CONTROL OF THORNE OVER TO ME.
WELL, MY HEART TELLS ME THAT MY FRIENDS WOULD NEVER ASK ME TO MAKE THAT CHOICE...TO CHOOSE BETWEEN THEM AND THORNE.

"YOU'RE PROBABLY RIGHT. NOBLE FOOLS TEND TO STICK TOGETHER.
"IT'S WHAT MAKES YOU ALL SUCH EASY TARGETS.
"BUT THEN AGAIN, THORNE IS ALREADY A KILLER...
"...PERHAPS IT'S ONLY RIGHT THAT HIS GUARDIAN BECOMES ONE, TOO."

"YOUR LIES BETRAY YOU, DRUCILLA.
"LANA WAS AN INNOCENT AND HER BLOOD IS ON YOUR HANDS, NOT THORNE'S.
"MY FRIENDS, ALL OF US, WE KNOW WHAT WE'RE RISKING."
AND EVERY ONE OF US BELIEVES THAT DEFEATING YOU IS WORTH THE SACRIFICE.
THORNE... MY FRIENDS. THE BONDS WE SHARE ARE ONES OF LOVE.

IT'S WHY YOU WILL NEVER POSSESS THORNE, AND ULTIMATELY WHY WE WILL DEFEAT YOU.
YOU THINK LOVE MAKES YOU WEAK. YOU'RE *WRONG*. IT GIVES US STRENGTH.
"IT GIVES US STRENGTH." YOU. PATHETIC. LITTLE. FOOL. LOVE JUST MAKES YOU EXPLOITABLE.
YOUR VILLAGE WAS ONLY THE BEGINNING.
I WILL TAKE EVERYONE YOU HAVE EVER CARED ABOUT...
...ONE BY ONE, UNTIL YOU GIVE ME WHAT I WANT.

BECAUSE NOW I'VE SEEN YOUR THOUGHTS. NOW, I KNOW YOUR WEAKNESS.
YOU STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND, DO YOU? I CARE ABOUT EVERY SINGLE PERSON YOU HAVE MANIPULATED AND HURT WITH YOUR SELFISHNESS AND LIES.

I'M COMING FOR THORNE, DRUCILLA. AND THERE IS NO POWER ON THIS EARTH STRONG ENOUGH TO STOP ME.
COME THEN. YOU CAN WITNESS FIRST HAND THE TRANSFORMATION OF YOUR PRECIOUS KHAT FROM LOYAL FRIEND TO OBEDIENT SLAVE.
I KNOW YOUR WEAKNESS NOW TOO, DRUCILLA. AND YOUR DAYS OF USING FEAR AS YOUR WEAPON ARE ABOUT TO END.

AND SO IS THIS FIGHT.
>GASP<
THE MASTER IS READY FOR YOU NOW.

ROSE!
NOOOOOO!

WHAT IS THAT THING? WHERE IS IT TAKING ROSE?!
TELL ME WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ROSE!
WE ARE GUARDIANS. YOU KNOW WE WILL ALWAYS WIN AND THAT YOU ARE POWERLESS TO STOP US.
THE GIRL IS BEYOND YOUR REACH NOW, KNIGHT.
THE NEXT TIME YOU SEE YOUR PRECIOUS GUARDIAN, YOU'LL BE ON YOUR KNEES BEGGING TO DIE, AND SHE WILL BE THE ONE TO KILL YOU.

NEVER!
≥GAACKK!≤

YOU CAN GIVE DRUCILLA A MESSAGE, ALONG WITH THIS.
NOTHING WILL STOP ME FROM GETTING TO ROSE.
DID HE JUST...?

I WOULDN'T DO THAT IF I WERE YOU.
LET ME COME WITH YOU.
YOU'D ONLY SLOW ME DOWN.
I CAN GET YOU IN. LET ME COME WITH YOU.
SHE TOOK SOMEONE I LOVED ONCE, TOO, SIMON.

PLEASE... WHATEVER HAS PASSED BETWEEN US...LET ME HELP YOU GET YOUR ROSE BACK.

WHAT THE HELL JUST HAPPENED?!
IT WOULD SEEM EVEN SWORN ENEMIES CAN UNITE IN THE FACE OF A GREATER EVIL.
LIKE HELL THEY CAN!
WE JUST LET A VILE MURDERER RIDE OFF WITH A DEAD PRINCE TO SAVE ROSE?
HAS THE WHOLE FLIPPING WORLD GONE MAD?
-COUGH- DON'T KNOW 'BOUT THE MAD PART...

...BUT IT COULD STOP SPINNIN'.
WILL! WHAT HAVE THE TWO OF YOU GOTTEN INTO SINCE I LEFT YOU AT MILLHAVEN?
NOTHING. I SWEAR!
OKAY, OKAY! MAYBE WE KILLED A PATROL, BUT THEY MURDERED AN ENTIRE VILLAGE BECAUSE THEY CLAIMED IT HAD THE--
PLAGUE.

UHHHH...
W...WHERE...
WELCOME, GUARDIAN.
THE MASTER WILL BE PLEASED YOU'VE FINALLY DECIDED TO JOIN US.
NEXT MONTH: BROKEN.

NEXT MONTH

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DON'T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT THESE FEARLESS

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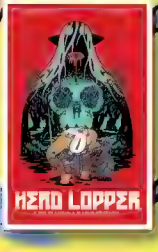

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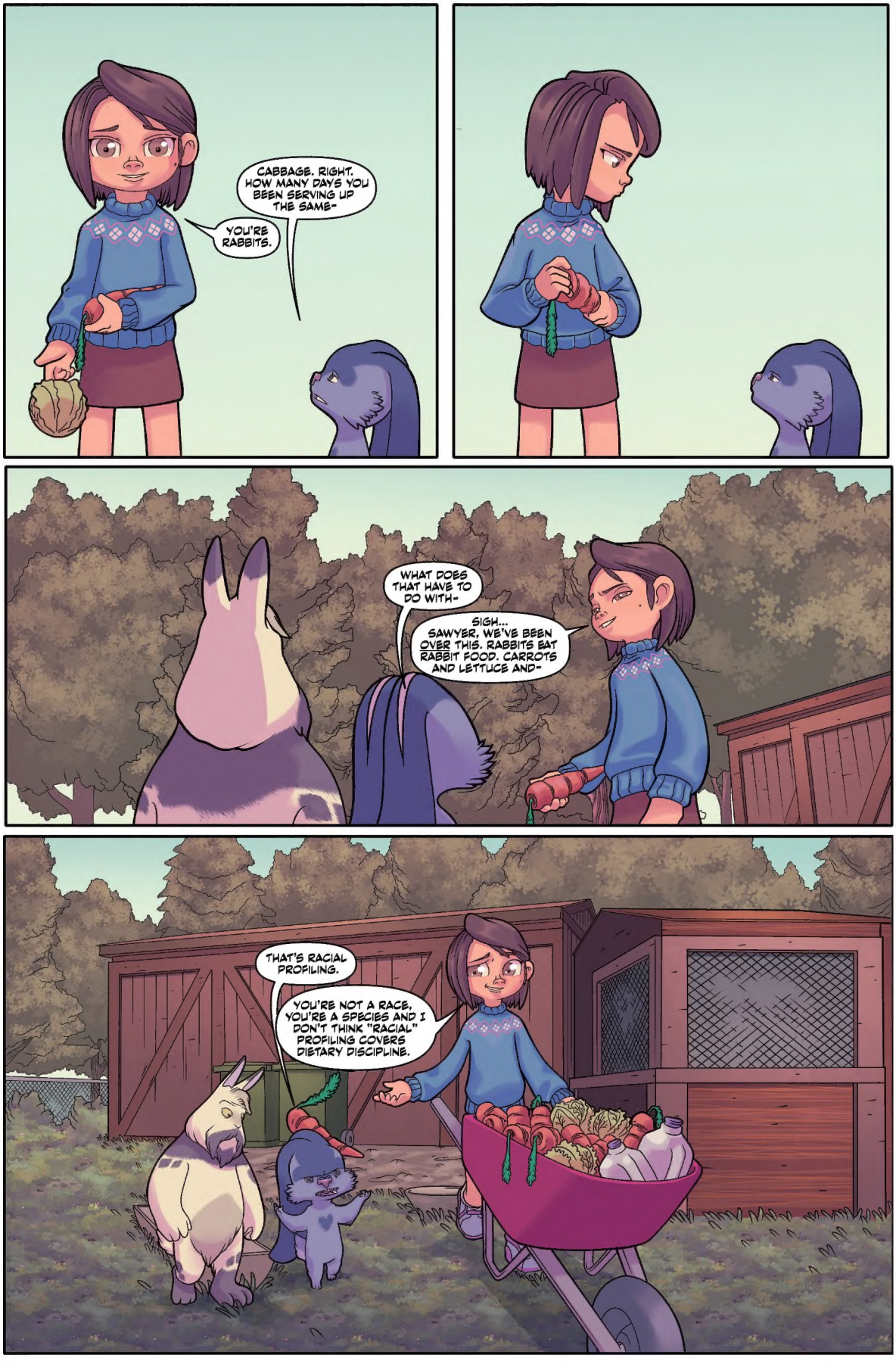
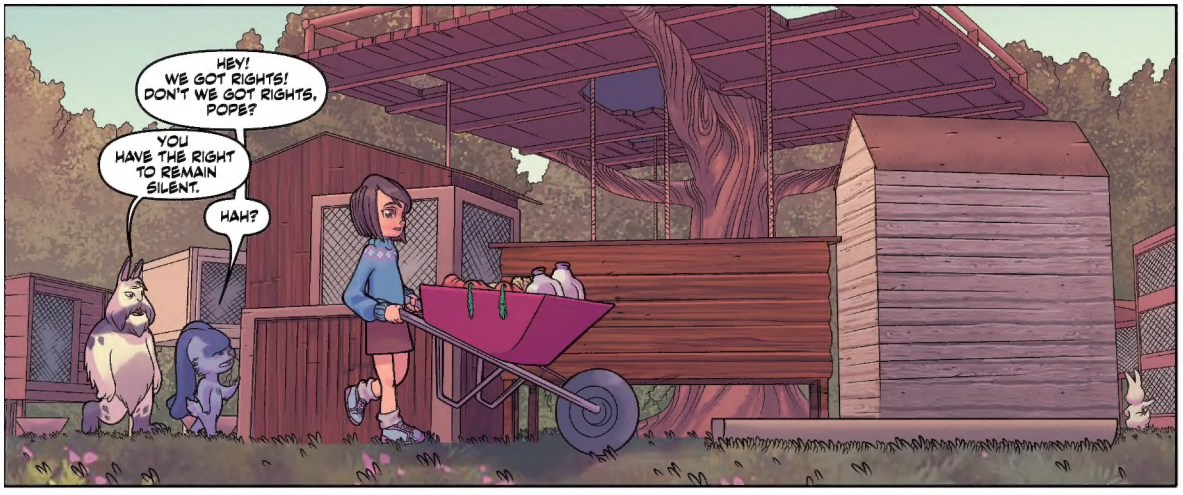
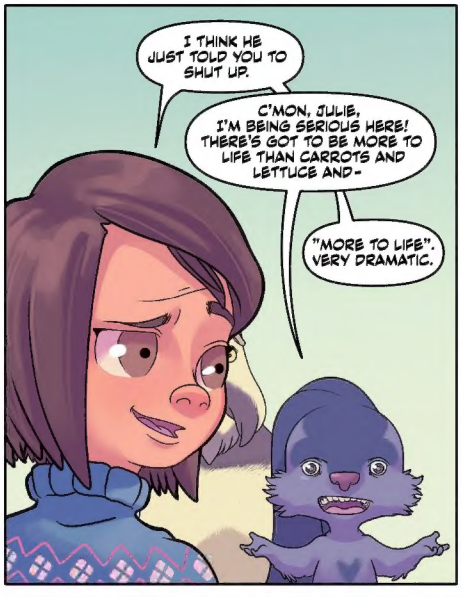
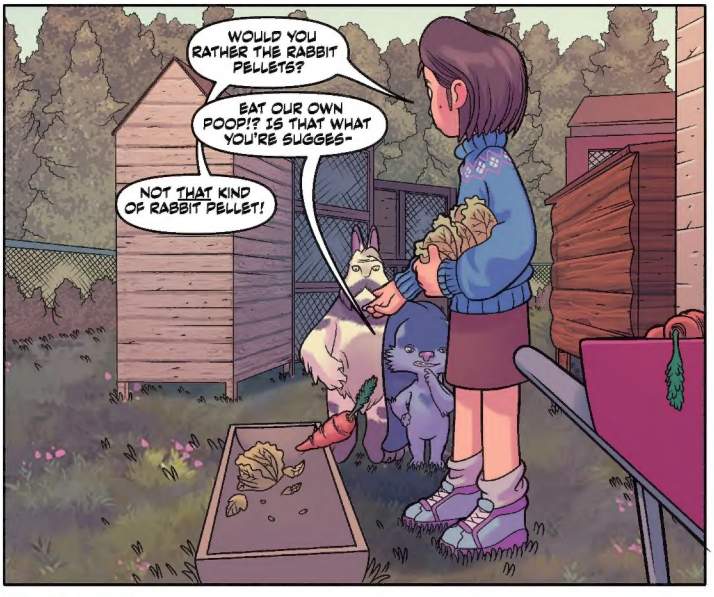
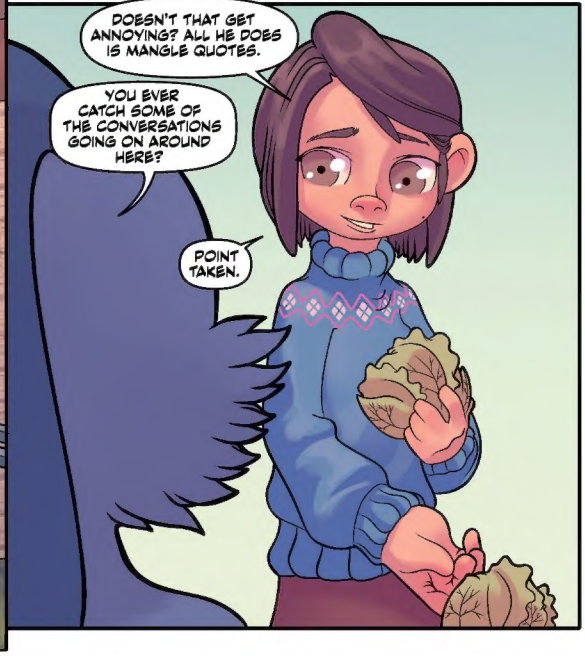
CR-CRRK-KK...
UNK...
SHUNK!
AGAIN?
HM?
CARROTS AND LETTUCE AND...WHATEVER THAT PURPLE STUFF IS–
CABBAGE.


CABBAGE. RIGHT. HOW MANY DAYS YOU BEEN SERVING UP THE SAME-
YOU'RE RABBITS.
WHAT DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH-
SIGH... SAWYER, WE'VE BEEN OVER THIS. RABBITS EAT RABBIT FOOD. CARROTS AND LETTUCE AND-
THAT'S RACIAL PROFILING.
YOU'RE NOT A RACE, YOU'RE A SPECIES AND I DON'T THINK "RACIAL" PROFILING COVERS DIETARY DISCIPLINE.









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